

**Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of	)	
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Implementation of Section 304 of the	)	CS Docket No. 97-80
Telecommunications Act of 1996	)	
	)	
Commercial Availability of Navigation Devices	)	
	)	
Compatibility Between Cable Systems and	)	PP Docket No. 00-67
Consumer Electronics Equipment	)	
	)	
Digital Broadcast Content Protection	)	MB Docket No. 02-230
	)	

**ORDER**

**Adopted: December 22, 2003**

**Released: December 23, 2003**

By the Chief, Media Bureau:

1. On October 9, 2003, the Commission released a *Second Report and Order and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* (“*Digital Cable Compatibility Order and FNPRM*”) seeking comment on issues relating to its *Navigation Device* and *Cable Compatibility* proceedings.<sup>1</sup> The *Digital Cable Compatibility Order and FNPRM* states that interested parties may file comments by January 14, 2004, and reply comments by February 13, 2004.

2. On November 4, 2003, the Commission released a *Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* (“*Broadcast Flag Order and FNPRM*”) seeking additional comment on issues in its *Digital Broadcast Content Protection* proceeding.<sup>2</sup> As a result of similarities with issues raised in the *Digital Cable Compatibility Order and FNPRM*, the *Broadcast Flag Order and FNPRM* also states that interested parties may file comments by January 14, 2004, and reply comments by February 13, 2004.

3. In addition to the deadlines for filing comments and reply comments in the above-captioned proceedings, petitions for reconsideration of the *Digital Cable Compatibility Order and FNPRM* and the *Broadcast Flag Order and FNPRM* are due on December 29, 2003, and January 2, 2004, respectively.<sup>3</sup>

4. It is not Commission policy to routinely grant extensions of time.<sup>4</sup> Given the number of

<sup>1</sup> *Implementation of Section 304 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Commercial Availability of Navigation Devices and Compatibility Between Cable Systems and Consumer Electronics Equipment*, CS Docket No. 97-80 and PP Docket No. 00-67, *Second Report and Order and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* (rel. Nov. 4, 2003).

<sup>2</sup> *Digital Broadcast Content Protection*, MB Docket No. 02-230, *Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* (rel. Nov. 4, 2003).

<sup>3</sup> See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.4(b)(1), 1.429(d); see also 68 Fed. Reg. 66728 (2003); 68 Fed. Reg. 67599 (2003).

<sup>4</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(a).

deadlines due in a short time frame in the above-captioned proceedings, however, and in recognition of the holiday season, on its own motion the Media Bureau will grant an extension of the deadline for filing comments and reply comments in both proceedings to February 13, 2004 and March 15, 2004, respectively.<sup>5</sup>

5. **IT IS ORDERED** that, pursuant to Sections 4(i), 4(j) and 5(c) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j) and 155(c), and Sections 0.61, 0.283, and 1.46 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.61, 0.283, and 1.46, the deadline for filing comments and reply comments in the above-captioned proceedings **IS EXTENDED** to the extent described herein.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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<sup>5</sup> The filing deadlines for petitions for reconsideration of the *Digital Cable Compatibility Order and FNPRM* and the *Broadcast Flag Order and FNPRM* remain unchanged.